Answering of Questions.

536. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) to ascertain and state if they are not already aware whether a preliminary list containing the starred questions without answers will not be distributed on the day previous to the date on which they would be answered in Council to all Members ;

(b) and also to inform whether the Government have any objection to introducing in our Council the practice in vogue in the Madras Council in this matter, and if so, to state what is the objection ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Government are aware of such a practice in the Madras Legislative Council.

(b) The practice cannot be followed. Vide also answer to part (b) of question No. 50 of the Budget Session of 1102.

Culvert across Chowghat-Pattambi Road.

537. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition dated 26th Vrischigam 1104 from Mr. Thazhath Veettil Kunjukrishna Nayar and others praying to construct a culvert across the Chowghat-Pattambi road near Kongannur Desom;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter ;

(c) if any enquiry has been made with reference to this, what is its result ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is being enquired into.

(c) Vide answer to (b).

Deepening a well in Southern Bazaar, Kunnamkulam.

538. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Diwan and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer have not received petitions or any one of them has received a petition dated 25th Dhanu 1104 from the inhabitants of Southern Bazaar, Kunnamkulam, to deepen and widen the well opposite to cross church in Southern Bazaar with a view to minimise the scarcity of drinking water for the people of the locality in the summer ;

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government in granting the request ;

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(c) according to the present arrangement, when will the work be finished?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes, a petition dated 25th Dhanu 1104 was received in the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) and (c). The work of constructing the well in question has been included in this year's list. It will be taken up and completed this year.

Pazhanji-Kunnamkulam road.

539. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the petition dated 19th Meenam 1102 submitted to the Government by the inhabitants of Porkkulam, Mangad, Pazhanji and other villages for opening a road connecting Pazhanji and Kunnamkulam *via* Porkkulam and Mangad;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made into the matter; if so,

(c) by whom and when was it made and what is its result;

(d) what steps have been taken for opening the road referred to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b). The petition was enquired into.

(c) (1) By the Chief Engineer. (2) In July 1928. (3) Three different routes were found to be feasible.

(d) None beyond what is contained in the answer to sub-division (c).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know which are the roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is from Vettikkadavu to Palanji, the others from Porkkulam to Mangad to Thuruthikkara.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are all these equally favourable?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is better than the others.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Which is it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The one alignment which goes through Thuruthikkara and Mangad.

Vembara to Vandithavalam road.

540. **Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.**—Will the Government kindly inform:—

(1) whether the Government has received petitions at different dates to open a road to connect Vembara with Vandithavalam;

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